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SUBJECT: INTELSAT CONSIDERATION OF SHUTTLE AND ARIANE
LAUNCH VEHICLES

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1. ON JANUARY 13 EMBASSY OFFICER DISCUSSED POINTS IN
PARAS 5 AND 6 OF REFTEL WITH GROUP I (AUSTRIA, GREECE,
SWITZERLAND, LICHTENSTEIN) REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
INTELSAT BOARD OF GOVERNORS (LINDNER) WHO APPEARED TO
BE THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE ARGUMENT INVOLVED.
PERHAPS BECAUSE HE KNEW THE U.S. POSITION SO WELL,
LINDNER SEEMED A BIT IMPATIENT DURING THE DISCUSSION.

2. LINDNER, WHO EMPHASIZED THAT HE SPOKE FOR GROUP I,
WHOSE MEMBER COUNTRIES CARRIED ON CONSTANT DISCUSSIONS
ON THE SUBJECT, SAID THEY "WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE
ARIANE NOT BE DEVELOPED". HIS COMMENTS LEFT NO DOUBT
THAT GROUP I IS VERY MUCH CONCERNED ABOUT THE POLITICAL
DIMENSIONS OF LAUNCHER DECISIONS AS WELL AS TECHNICAL
AND ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. LINDNER SAID HE WOULD
PASS ON TO OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP I THE POINTS CON-
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VEYED IN REFTEL BUT IT SEEMS CERTAIN THAT GROUP I WILL
VOTE TO KEEP OPEN BOTH LAUNCHER OPTIONS.

3. LINDNER SAID THERE WOULD BE NO POINT IN A VISIT TO
ANY OF THE COUNTRIES OF GROUP I OF QUALIFIED TECHNICAL
PERSONNEL FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE. WOLF

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